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Applicant:	VAN WIE	Examiner:	UNKNOWN
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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, which is not an application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is not provided because it was previously cited by or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in parent application, U.S. Serial No. 10/041,929 filed on January 7, 2002.

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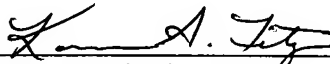
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

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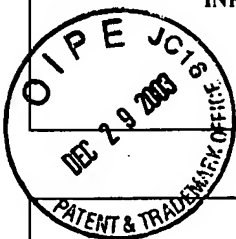
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	2,632,262	03/24/1953	Whitney			
	3,432,946	03/18/1969	Peitl			
	4,096,878	06/27/1978	Adams et al.			
	4,971,092	11/20/1990	Parry et al.			
	4,999,935	03/19/1991	Simi et al.			
	5,829,174	11/03/1998	Hadler et al.			
	5,987,785	11/23/1999	Aguado et al.			
	6,178,669	01/30/2001	Quenzi et al.			

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
						YES	NO

## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

Exhibit A	Add-A-Fold™ Valves and Enclosures, Force America Inc., 4 pages (2000).
Exhibit B	SELF CONTAINED INTEGRAL VALVE/RESERVOIR ASSEMBLY, Munchie Power Products, Inc., 3 pages (Date Unknown).

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